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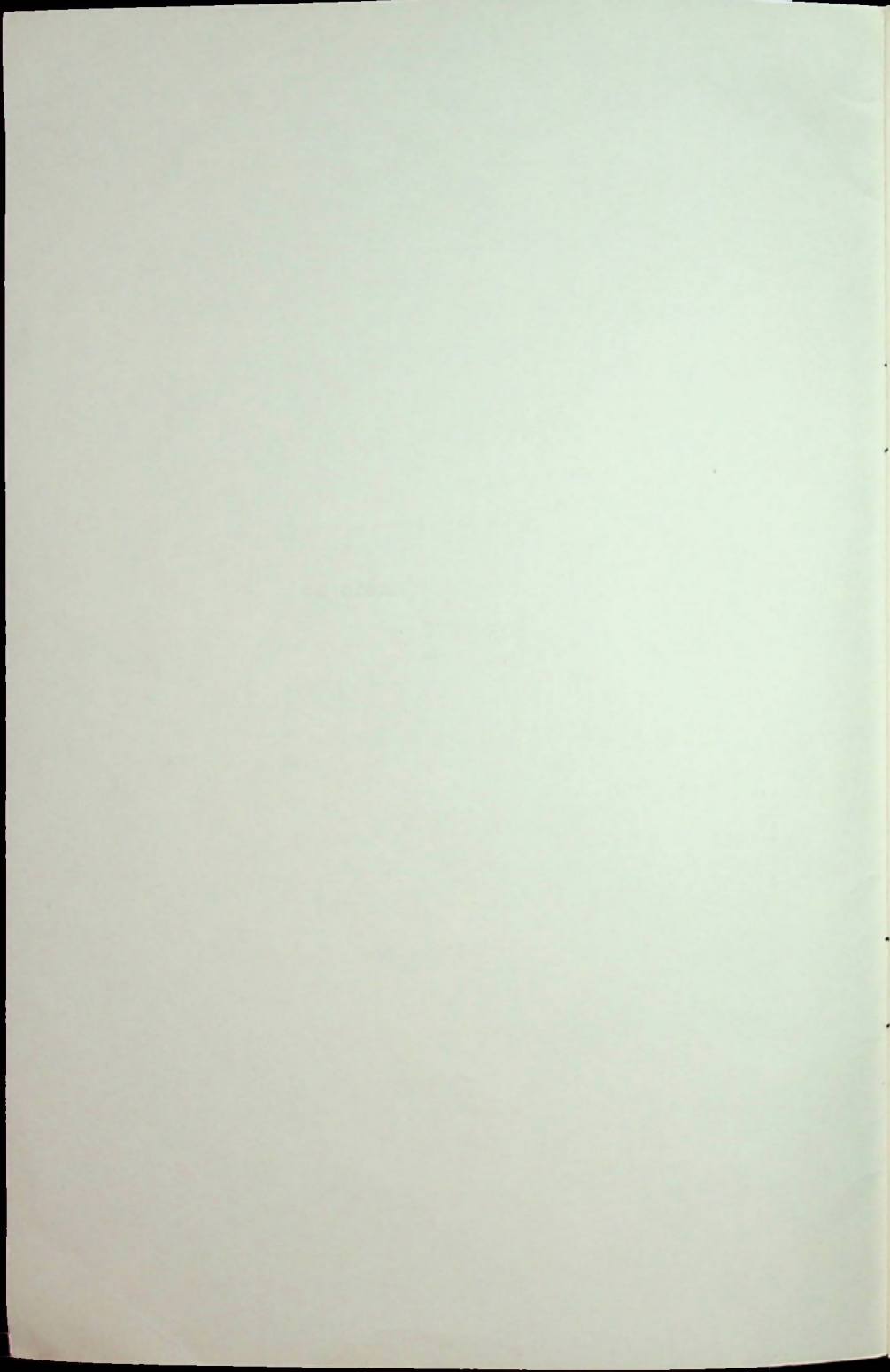
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A  
Service of  
Thanksgiving  
for the  
Jubilee of Toc H  
on  
Saturday, May 22, 1965  
at 12 noon

1915



1965



The Rev. A. Marcus Ward, M.A., D.D.

*will conduct the Service;*

S. G. H. Davis

*will read the First Lesson;*

Miss M. Fowler

*will read the Second Lesson;*

The Rev. Canon R. J. Davies

*will lead An Act of Thanksgiving;*

Penry Jones

*will preach the Sermon.*

## An Introduction to Worship

*During the fifty years of its life Toc H has both benefited by and contributed to the wealth of Christian worship. This Jubilee service owes much in material and practice to varying Christian traditions, and thanksgiving services using this form of worship are being held around the world during 1965.*

*The order of service has been designed as an act of worship for the laity. Originally "the laity" meant the whole Church. Let your "Amen" therefore be heard loud and clear. Similarly, in the Act of Thanksgiving, different voices will be heard, leading the worship of all the people. For these prayers the congregation is asked to stand, and for other prayers to sit or kneel, according to their usual custom.*

For meditation before worship begins:—

"Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head over all."

"Gone is the distinction between Jew and Greek, slave and free man, male and female—you are all one in Christ Jesus."



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## *Processional Hymn*

Tune: *Lobe den Herren*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,  
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,  
Sheddeth his light,  
Chaseth the horrors of night,  
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

*When all have taken their places the congregation  
remains standing*

*Padre*

As part of the family of God we are come to join with the cloud of witnesses, faithful men of all generations, to offer our thanksgiving for To-day throughout its fifty years; to praise God that his mercy and truth endure for ever; to seek his will for us and our generation, praying that work and leisure alike may be an offering worthy of him who called us out of darkness into his own marvellous light.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence and remember God's presence with us now.

## *A Prayer of preparation*

*All* Thou who art Lord of all, command my whole attention :  
Thou whose love has sought and supported me from the  
beginning : renew a right spirit within me :  
Thou who dost wait for my willing obedience, compose  
my disordered will :  
that we, with one accord, with one mind and one voice  
may glorify thee, God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Amen.

## *A Prayer of confession*

*Padre* The Lord is gracious and merciful.  
*All* And abounding in steadfast love.  
*Padre* The Lord is loving unto everyman.  
*All* And his compassion is over all that he has made.

*Here the Padre may offer extempore prayers of  
confession, ending with the words :*

"Let us acknowledge that we have fallen short of the high  
calling of God".

*Padre* I confess to God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
and before the whole company of heaven that I have fallen  
short of the high calling of God and I pray God to have  
mercy on me.

*All* May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you  
pardon and peace, that you may be free from all evil, and  
serve him with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

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## *Metrical Psalm*

Tune: *Dundee*

I to the hills will lift mine eyes :  
From whence doth come mine aid.  
My safety cometh from the Lord,  
Who heaven and earth hath made.  
Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will  
He slumber that thee keeps.  
Behold, he that keeps Israel,  
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.  
The Lord thee keeps : the Lord thy shade  
On thy right hand doth stay.  
The moon by night thee shall not smite,  
Nor yet the sun by day.  
The Lord shall keep thy soul : he shall  
Preserve thee from all ill ;  
Henceforth thy going out and in  
God keep for ever will.

## *The First Lesson*

*Ecclesiasticus, chapter XLIV, verses 1-14*

Let us now praise famous men,  
And our fathers that begat us.  
The Lord created in them great glory,  
Even his mighty power from the beginning.  
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms,  
And were men renowned for their power,  
Giving counsel by their understanding,  
Such as have brought tidings in prophecies :  
Leaders of the people by their counsels,  
And by their understanding men of learning for the people :  
Wise were their words in their instruction :  
Such as sought out musical tunes,  
And set forth verses in writing :  
Rich men furnished with ability,  
Living peaceably in their habitations :  
All these were honoured in their generations,  
And were a glory in their days.  
There be of them, that have left a name behind them,  
To declare their praises.  
And some there be, which have no memorial ;  
Who are perished as though they had not been,  
And are become as though they had not been born :  
And their children after them.  
But these were men of mercy,  
Whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten.  
With their seed shall remain continually a good inheritance :  
Their children are within the covenants.



Their seed standeth fast,  
And their glory shall not be blotted out.  
Their bodies were buried in peace,  
And their name liveth to all generations.

*Revised Version.*

*The Lesson ended, the congregation stands for  
An Act of Thanksgiving*

- Padre* Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us  
*All* But unto thy name give the praise  
*Padre* One generation shall praise thy works unto another  
*All* And shall declare thy mighty power.
- First Member* For the founders of Toc H, through whose talents, obedience and God-given energy, the influence of this Movement has encompassed the world  
*Padre* Every day we will bless thee  
*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.
- Second Member* For the generation of the Old House in Poperinge who through friendship and unselfish service worked for thy kingdom in the wills of men  
*Padre* Every day we will bless thee  
*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.
- Third Member* For the Guild Church of All Hallows, and for the power of thy risen Christ among us  
*Padre* Every day we will bless thee  
*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.
- Fourth Member* For the Marks, Services Clubs and Centres, for Wardens and their teams taking responsibility for the wellbeing of their Houses  
*Padre* Every day we will bless thee  
*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.
- Fifth Member* For the courage, imagination and patience of Branches and groups through fifty years, for friendships forged and service given  
*Padre* Every day we will bless thee  
*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.



*Sixth Member* For all who during these years have led and inspired Toc H, often with sacrifice, in success and failure and for their work, known and unknown

*Padre* Every day we will bless thee

*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.

*Seventh Member* For the goodwill of countless thousands who have supported the membership of Toc H, putting both money and skill at the disposal of our Family

*Padre* Every day we will bless thee

*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.

*Eighth Member* For a new generation that has accepted service and found friendship

*Padre* Every day we will bless thee

*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.

*Ninth Member* For the power of thy Holy Spirit among us here, establishing thy kingdom in the wills of men

*Padre* Every day we will bless thee

*All* And praise thy name for ever and ever.

*A period of silence for personal thanksgiving*

*All* O God, who hast so wonderfully made Toc H, and set men in it to see their duty as thy will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace; to check all bitterness; to disown discouragement; to practise thanksgiving; and to leap with joy to any task for others. Strengthen the good thing thus begun; that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may work for thy kingdom in the wills of men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Second Lesson*

*Ephesians, chapter III, verses 14-19  
and chapter IV, verses 11-16.*

When I think of the greatness of this great Plan I fall on my knees before God the Father (from Whom all fatherhood, earthly or heavenly, derives its name), and I pray that out of the glorious richness of His resources He will enable you to know the strength of the Spirit's inner re-inforcement—that Christ may actually live in your hearts by your faith. And I pray that you, firmly fixed in

love yourselves, may be able to grasp (with all Christians) how wide and deep and long and high is the love of Christ—and to know that love for yourselves. May you be filled through all your being with God Himself . . .

His "gifts unto men" were varied. Some He made Special Messengers, some prophets, some preachers of the Gospel; to some He gave the power to guide and teach His people. His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole Body might be built up until the time comes when, in the unity of common faith and common knowledge of the Son of God, we arrive at real maturity—that measure of development which is meant by "the fullness of Christ".

We are not meant to remain as children at the mercy of every chance wind of teaching and the jockeying of men who are expert in the crafty presentation of lies. But we are meant to hold firmly to the truth in love, and to grow up in every way into Christ, the Head. For it is from the Head that the whole Body, as a harmonious structure knit together by the joints with which it is provided, grows by the proper functioning of individual parts to its full maturity in love.

*Translation of J. B. Phillips.*

## Hymn

Tune: *Billing*.

Blest be the day when moved I was  
A pilgrim for to be,  
And blessed also be the cause  
That thereto moved me.  
Blest work, that drove me back to pray,  
To strive to be sincere;  
To take my cross up day by day  
With love that casts out fear.  
Yet long it is since I began  
And little have I done;  
God give me grace to play the man  
And heed my heart and tongue;  
To show the road from doubt to faith,  
For feet beside mine own  
To climb from self to rarer breath,  
Unknown and yet well-known.  
He that me seeks shall now be sought:  
Surrendered here I stand,  
A truant eager to be taught  
His purpose for my hand.  
Life, like an unencumbered flood,  
Leaps to the sea and sky;  
At last, beyond the slough of mood,  
Master, thy man am I.

## Sermon

*During the hymn that follows an offering will be made. (The Jubilee offerings will be used both to defray the expenses of the Service and to finance special projects)*

Tune: *Thornbury.*

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
The wondrous tale is written,  
Full clear, on every page;  
Our fathers owned thy goodness,  
And we their deeds record;  
And both of this bear witness,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
To greatest, as to least;  
They bade men rise, and hasten  
To share the great King's feast;  
And this was all their teaching,  
In every deed and word  
To all alike proclaiming  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
Through many a scene of strife,  
The faithful few fought bravely  
To guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
Sin pardoned, man restored,  
Was all in this enfolded,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
And cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
Some better thing is stored;  
We will maintain, unflinching,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
Nor leave thy work undone;  
With thy right hand to help us,  
The victory shall be won;  
And then, by men and angels,  
Thy name shall be adored,  
And this shall be their anthem,  
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.



*The offering having been received and the sidesmen  
returned to their places, there follows*

*An Act of Dedication  
all kneeling*

*Padre* In obedience to thy Holy Spirit we make our offering of thanksgiving. Teach us to use both what we give and what we hold in obedience to the same Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For the Humble Witness of Toc H around the world*

*All* O Thou who art the way, the truth and the life, make thy way plain before our face. Teach us to live boldly that we may be free from fear or favour, knowing only thy love and power in the world. Bind us together in true fellowship that men may know that we are thy disciples, to the honour and glory of thy Holy Name. Amen.

*Benediction*



*A Prayer for Friendship in Toc H*

O Eternal God, who watchest over us all, grant that the friendships formed between us here in Toc H may neither through sin be broken, nor hereafter through worldly cares be forgotten; but that, bound together across the world by the unseen chain of thy love, we may be drawn nearer to thee and nearer to each other. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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S. G. H. Davis was a member of Toc H in India from 1931 to 1952 and an original member of the Church of South India. Since 1963 he has been the Honorary Administrator of Toc H.

Miss Marguerita Fowler has been the General Secretary of Toc H Women's Association since 1954, and is a member of Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church.

The Rev. Canon R. J. Davies, former Toc H staff Padre and Administrative Padre from 1956-1963, is now Rector of Bennington, Hertfordshire, and an Honorary Canon of St. Alban's Cathedral.

Penry Jones is a member of the Iona Community and Religious Programmes Officer of the Independent Television Authority.

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## Notes on the Hymns

"Praise to the Lord" is a great characteristic hymn from the Reformation. Written in German by Joachim Neander (1650-80), it was translated by Catherine Winkworth and others, in the nineteenth century. Verse 5 was written by Percy Dearmer, for "The English Hymnal" and is printed here by permission of Oxford University Press.

The tune *Lobe den Herren* originally appeared in Germany about 1665. Soon after the translation of the words, the tune was revised and published in "The Chorale Book for England", in 1863.

The choice of a metrical psalm from the Scottish Psalter is a reminder of the contribution to Christian worship from the Presbyterian tradition. The tune *Dundee* appeared with this version of Psalm 121 in the Psalter of 1615.

"Blest be the day when moved I was" is the paraphrase by the Founder Padre of the Pilgrim's Hymn from Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. By its inclusion in "Songs of Praise", Toc H has contributed to the wealth of Christian worship.

Edward Plumtre, who wrote "Thy hand, O God, has guided" also assisted in the Revised Version of the Bible. Dean of Wells Cathedral from 1881 until his death ten years later, his hymn is a reminder of the great tradition of Cathedral worship in our Christian inheritance.

The tune *Thornbury* was written by Basil Harwood, who died in 1949.



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His choice of music is

"Air for Holsworthy Church Bells"

by F.S. Wesley

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"Improvisation on Thornbury"

by E. Thiman

(at the conclusion of the service)

The singing will be led by the London  
Toc H Male Voice Choir. They have been  
raising their voices together since 1944  
and we congratulate them on twenty-one  
years of "strains of solemm gladness" in  
Toc H.

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